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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 November 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 5-11, 14-16, 19, 22-24, 31, 32 and 34-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5, 6, 22, 31, 32 and 34-37 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 7-11, 14-16, 19, 23 and 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ ~~Notes of Informal Patent Application~~
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on November 5, 2007 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless-
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 7, 11, 14, 15, 19 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Eder et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,980,550). Eder et al. discloses using a vaso-occlusive coil (100) for treating aneurysms consisting of a bioactive material coating (Col. 3, Paragraph 2) being made of a fibrin/thrombus-stabilizing molecule (Col. 3, Paragraph 3), being plasma treated (Col. 3, Paragraph 2), subjected to ion implantation (Col. 6, Paragraph 6).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 8-10 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eder et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,980,550) in view of Schwarz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,414,976).

Eder et al. disclose the claimed invention except the thrombus-stabilizing molecule being plasminogen activator inhibitor or plasmin inhibitor Schwarz teaches that tissue adhesive for use in vascular surgery may be made with Factor XIII, plasminogen activator inhibitor or plasmin inhibitor in order to stimulate wound healing (Column 1 lines 37-44). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the device of Eder et al. with the thrombus-stabilizing molecule being plasminogen activator inhibitor or plasmin inhibitor, in view of Schwarz, in order to promote healing.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eder et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,980,550) in view of Nikolchev et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,526,979).

Eder et al. disclose the claimed invention except for the vaso-occlusive coil being microtextured. Nikolchev discloses that an occlusive coil is microtextured in order to

promote tissue ingrowth and enhance the occlusion of the vessel (Column 14 lines 9-37). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the device of Eder et al. with the microtexturing in view of Nikolchev, in order to enhance tissue ingrowth and occlude the vessel.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 9, 10 and 14-16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL J. ARAJ whose telephone number is (571)272-5963. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert can be reached on 571-272-4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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